



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Korean American Day in Hawai'i

WHEREAS, the Korean American Foundation Hawai'i marks the 111th anniversary of Korean immigration to the United States when on January 13, 1903, the first 102 Korean immigrants arrived aboard RMS Gaelic and landed on the shores of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the Korean American Foundation Hawai'i reminds us that Hawai'i remains the state with the highest concentration of Korean Americans, at 1.8%, or 23,200 people who have long been an invaluable part of the community, with great contributions in the fields of law, medicine and the arts, among many others; and

WHEREAS, the Korean American Foundation in Hawai'i heralds the spirit of innovation and collaboration propelling the relationship between Hawai'i and the Republic of Korea, formalized in a mutual agreement to pursue the development of a smart grid in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the Korean American Foundation Hawai'i applauds the vibrant cultural exchange furthered by a generous gift of 2,100 Korean eBooks and hundreds of videos to the Hawai'i State Public Library System; and

WHEREAS, the Korean American Foundation Hawai'i honors the distinguished service of Mr. Jong Chan Lee and the exceptional artistic legacy of Ms. Mary Jo Freshley with the "Light of the Orient Awards"; and

WHEREAS, the Korean American Foundation Hawai'i recognizes the invaluable contributions of Duk Hee Lee Murabayashi as a pillar of the local Korean American community, and Edward J. Schultz for his steadfast support and leadership as a member of the board since the organization's founding;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **January 13, 2014** as

"KOREAN AMERICAN DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the outstanding contributions of Koreans to our islands, and celebrating the rich partnership between Hawai'i and the Republic of Korea.

DONE, at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirteenth day of January 2014.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i